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Interviews: 1,007 adults, including  
101 reached by cell phone  
Date: January 9-12, 2009

48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

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**The margin of error for 1,007 interviews is  $\pm 3.1\%$**

**(ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)**

1a. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline.....	-	TERMINATE	[139]
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	CONTINUE	
Not sure .....	-	TERMINATE	

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	8	[140-141]
25-29.....	6	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	6	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	9	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	6	
75 and over.....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[142]
No, not Hispanic.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[143]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	4	
Hispanic (VOL).....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[144]
Headed in the right direction.....	26	26	12	12	16	18	72	12	
Off on the wrong track.....	59	60	78	77	73	67	11	78	
Mixed (VOL).....	9	10	7	9	9	12	11	7	
Not sure.....	6	4	3	2	2	3	6	3	
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>
		13	16	15	20	20	19	28	27
		74	71	73	66	68	68	57	61
		10	11	10	11	9	11	13	10
		3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2
		<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>
		31	34	40	36	47	42	36	52
		57	52	47	48	43	44	47	31
		10	12	10	14	6	9	14	14
		2	2	3	2	4	4	3	3
		<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>			
		62	70	72	45	47			
		20	15	11	36	27			
		14	12	11	15	14			
		4	3	6	4	12			

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>9/6- 8/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>12/08</u>	[145]
Approve.....	27	27	27	29	30	34	88	27	
Disapprove.....	67	67	66	66	65	61	7	67	
Not sure.....	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	6	
	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	
	31	30	28	27	32	32	29	35	
	64	64	66	66	63	63	66	60	
	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	5	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
	37	39	46	50	45	54	56	54	
	58	54	49	44	49	41	38	40	
	5	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>					
	69	82	50	57					
	23	13	35	22					
	8	5	15	21					

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition and his preparations for becoming president?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Approve.....	71	73	[146]
Disapprove.....	14	13	
Not sure.....	15	14	

6. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>1/09*</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	High <u>9/98</u>	Low <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	23	21	12	13	15	15	13	61	12	[147]
Disapprove.....	68	69	79	78	73	75	79	28	79	
Not sure.....	9	10	9	9	12	10	8	11	9	
	<u>1/08</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
	18	23	31	23	29	28	41	40	46	
	70	64	53	64	56	55	40	42	41	
	12	13	16	13	15	17	19	18	13	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>6/99</u>	
	43	42	43	54	47	48	43	48	40	
	43	39	41	29	34	35	46	36	42	
	14	19	16	17	19	17	11	16	18	
	<u>1/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>							
	50	48	24							
	40	39	67							
	10	13	9							

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>George W. Bush</b>							<b>[148]</b>
January 2009.....	13	18	11	17	41	-	
December 2008.....	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+...	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+.....	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+.....	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+.....	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+.....	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008.....	14	18	10	17	40	1	
June 2007.....	12	20	11	15	42	-	
January 2007.....	17	18	12	17	35	1	
June 2006.....	18	21	9	15	37	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
June 2002.....	43	27	11	10	9	-	
January 2002.....	53	26	10	7	4	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	18	11	15	45	-	

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Barack Obama</b>							<b>[149/155]</b>
January 2009.....	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+.....	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+.....	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008.....	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007.....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006.....	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<i>High</i>							
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<b>Joe Biden</b>							<b>[150/156]</b>
January 2009.....	20	27	22	12	9	10	
December 2008.....	20	25	25	12	11	7	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	28	23	19	12	14	4	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	21	22	24	12	15	6	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	17	20	25	13	16	9	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	23	13	12	12	
September 2007.....	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006.....	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+.....	5	11	25	6	4	49	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							<b>[151/157]</b>
January 2009.....	27	29	14	15	14	1	
December 2008.....	27	26	20	14	12	1	
September 2008+.....	23	24	15	17	20	1	
August 2008+.....	17	25	16	18	23	1	
June 2008+.....	18	28	14	17	22	1	
April 2008+.....	20	22	14	19	25	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	17	20	15	21	27	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	22	23	11	14	29	1	
January 2008.....	24	23	11	11	30	1	
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007.....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006.....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[152/158]</b>
January 2009.....	25	27	16	14	17	1	
December 2008 .....	23	26	21	12	17	1	
August 2008+.....	20	25	16	19	20	-	
June 2008+.....	16	24	17	17	25	1	
April 2008+.....	18	21	18	18	24	1	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	20	22	15	18	25	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	22	11	13	32	2	
January 2008.....	24	23	14	11	27	1	
November 2007.....	25	23	13	14	25	-	
March 2007.....	27	21	16	14	21	1	
April 2006.....	27	23	16	12	21	1	
June 2004+.....	20	22	16	14	27	1	
January 2002.....	17	19	13	13	36	2	
June 2001.....	18	21	15	15	31	-	
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	
<b>Harry Reid</b>							<b>[153]</b>
January 2009 *.....	2	12	22	10	11	43	
January 2007.....	3	9	13	9	8	58	
September 2006+.....	2	8	15	6	12	57	
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60	
<b>Caroline Kennedy</b>							<b>[154]</b>
January 2009 *.....	11	20	32	13	9	15	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Nancy Pelosi</b>							<b>[159]</b>
January 2009 **.....	9	17	19	10	26	19	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	7	16	21	14	27	15	
January 2008.....	5	17	21	11	22	24	
April 2007 .....	11	18	20	12	18	21	
January 2007.....	10	18	23	9	15	25	
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+.....	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
December 2002.....	3	8	16	4	8	61	
<b>Rahm Emanuel</b>							<b>[160]</b>
January 2009 **.....	3	12	18	7	7	53	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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8a. Looking ahead, what word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about where America is headed in the next year? **[161-167] \***

Country headed in right direction, turn around, better improvements	16%
Hopeful	11
Worse economy, headed into a depression	8
A rough time, headed for hard times, troubled/tough/difficult times	7
Downward, downhill, down the tubes, down the toilet	7
Scared, scary times, afraid, frightening, fearful	6
Don't know; no response	7%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8b. This election was described as an election of change. In thinking about the kind of change you looked for and expected, which one or two of the following kinds of change are most important to you personally? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose? \***

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

More honesty and integrity in Washington.....	36	<b>[168-169]</b>
More working together by Democrats and Republicans in Washington.....	29	<b>&gt;</b>
Greater oversight of the financial institutions and business.....	29	
More transparency and accountability in government.....	28	
Promoting higher moral values.....	15	
Improving America's image around the world.....	13	
More racial and religious understanding with a more united country.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	2	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).



9. What would you say are the two or three most important issues or problems facing the nation today that you personally would like to see the federal government in Washington do something about? \*\*

<b>The Economy (net)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>[170-173]</b>
Unemployment and jobs.....	23	>
Improve economy, jumpstart the economy, other economic issues.....	17	
Regulation of financial and investment industry.....	9	
Economic stimulus plan.....	6	
Financial industry assistance/bailout.....	5	
Housing crisis/issues.....	5	
Retirement and pensions.....	3	
Inflation, cost of living, lower food, gas prices.....	3	
No bailouts.....	2	
Automotive industry assistance/bailout.....	1	
Trade.....	1	
Stock market.....	1	
<b>Domestic Policy (net)</b>	<b>47</b>	
Health care (cost).....	8	
Illegal immigration.....	8	
Health care (quality).....	6	
Terrorism/Homeland Security.....	6	
Education (quality).....	5	
Honesty, accountability in government.....	5	
Other healthcare issues, insurance, universal health care.....	5	
Energy.....	4	
Social Security.....	3	
Education (cost).....	3	
Environment.....	2	
Medicare.....	2	
Improved infrastructure.....	1	
Better wages, fair wages.....	1	
<b>Foreign Policy (net)</b>	<b>22</b>	
Iraq.....	12	
Middle East/Israelis and Palestinian conflict.....	3	
Foreign policy issues/better relations/mind our own business.....	3	
Afghanistan.....	2	
Iran.....	1	
Improve our image around the world.....	1	
Peace.....	1	
Russia.....	-	
China.....	-	
<b>Taxes/Government Spending (net)</b>	<b>15</b>	
Budget deficit.....	7	
Taxes.....	5	
Wasteful spending, reduce spending.....	3	
<b>Social Issues (net)</b>	<b>7</b>	
Race relations.....	2	
Moral standards, morality, dishonesty of people, corporate America.....	2	
Crime, drugs.....	1	
Stem cell research.....	1	
Abortion.....	1	
Gun rights.....	1	
Gay rights.....	-	
<b>All Others (net)</b>	<b>11</b>	
Less government, government too big.....	4	
Other.....	4	
Parties to unite, work together, less division.....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

10. Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2009 the country will find the Democrats and Republicans in Congress in a period of unity by working together and reaching consensus, or will it be a period of division where the parties hold fast to their positions and show little willingness to compromise?

	<u>1/09**</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Period of unity/working together.....	48	52	27	[208]
Period of division/little willingness to compromise....	45	42	65	
Depends (VOL).....	4	3	4	
Not sure.....	3	3	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11a. When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, will you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Strongly relate to him.....	50	47	[209]
Somewhat relate to him.....	26	27	
Relate to him only a little.....	12	12	
Will not really relate to him.....	8	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	

- 11b. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? [210]

	<i>Barack Obama</i>	<i>George W. Bush</i>	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	<i>George H.W. Bush</i>	<i>Ronald Reagan<sup>1</sup></i>
	<u>1/09</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>1/87</u>
Like personally and approve most policies.....	55	29	36	43	39
Like personally but disapprove of many policies.....	22	28	19	35	27
Don't like personally, approve most of policies.....	5	4	14	7	6
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies.....	10	38	27	12	25
None of these (VOL).....	3	1	2	1	NA
Not sure.....	5	-	2	2	4

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<sup>1</sup> 1987 comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Cambridge Reports/Research International.

- 12a. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how Barack Obama will do during his presidency—optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>	<i>George W. Bush</i>	
	<u>1/09</u>	<u>10/08<sup>1</sup>+</u>	<u>1/01</u>
Optimistic and confident.....	32	27	24
Satisfied and hopeful.....	34	29	35
Uncertain and wondering.....	24	21	28
Pessimistic and worried.....	9	22	12
Not sure.....	1	1	1

<sup>1</sup> In October 2008, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel how you would feel if Barack Obama were elected president...?"

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- 12b. How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>		<i>George W. Bush</i>	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	
	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Extremely confident .....	31	33	19	16	[212]
Quite confident.....	28	22	21	31	
Only somewhat confident.....	28	28	36	37	
Not at all confident.....	12	15	22	13	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	3	

- 13a. How likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will bring real change in direction to the country—very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	<u>1/09**</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>9/6-8/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	
Very likely to bring real change in direction.....	35	37	32	30	30	29	[213]
Fairly likely to bring real change in direction.....	24	21	19	18	22	19	
Just somewhat likely to bring real change in direction.....	22	23	23	22	21	28	
Not that likely to bring real change in direction.....	17	17	23	28	24	23	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	3	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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- 13b. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>		<i>George W. Bush</i>	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	
	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Extremely confident .....	29	30	15	19	[214]
Quite confident.....	25	24	25	31	
Only somewhat confident.....	30	29	37	35	
Not at all confident.....	15	16	21	13	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	2	

- 14a. Do you think that Barack Obama has gotten too involved in making policy on issues facing the country before he has become president, has had the right level of involvement, or has not been involved enough?

	<u>1/09*</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Has become too involved.....	11	12	[215]
Has had right level of involvement.....	72	75	
Has not been involved enough.....	11	11	
Not sure.....	6	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 14b. In general, do you think that Barack Obama should focus more of his attention on domestic issues or more of his attention on foreign policy issues?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>	<i>George W. Bush</i>	
	<u>1/09**</u>	<u>1/07</u>	
Domestic issues.....	66	41	[216]
Foreign policy issues.....	12	37	
Both equally (VOL).....	19	19	
Not sure.....	3	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

15. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD (SCORE OF 4-5)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							[227]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+.....	37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+.....	39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+.....	34	30	21	6	5	4	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	36	23	21	9	10	1	
<b>Being inspirational and an exciting president</b>							[222]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 <sup>2</sup> *.....	54	21	14	5	6	-	
June 2008+.....	40	21	16	11	11	1	
March 2008+.....	36	20	19	10	13	2	
November 2007+.....	21	21	29	10	15	4	
<b>Being calm and steady under pressure</b>							[231]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	49	24	15	5	4	3	
<b>Being compassionate enough to understand average people</b>							[219]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 *.....	48	22	17	6	6	1	
June 2008+.....	32	29	21	7	9	2	
March 2008.....	35	24	23	8	8	2	
November 2007+.....	27	27	26	8	7	5	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
<b>Having strong leadership qualities</b>							[221]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 <sup>1</sup> *.....	44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+.....	23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008.....	24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+.....	15	24	28	14	15	4	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

<sup>2</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

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Q.15 (cont'd)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>Being firm and decisive in his decision-making</b>							[232]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	37	26	20	4	9	4	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							[220]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 *.....	41	22	20	6	8	3	
June 2008+.....	25	27	22	12	13	1	
March 2008.....	29	24	22	7	14	4	
November 2007+.....	26	25	27	8	9	5	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	28	22	25	11	13	1	
<b>Representing traditional American values</b>							[228]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	36	24	17	9	12	2	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	30	29	25	7	8	1	
<i>Bill Clinton</i>							
January 1993.....	27	23	32	7	9	2	
<b>Uniting the country</b>							[229]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	36	24	22	9	7	2	
<i>Bill Clinton</i>							
January 1993.....	28	28	26	9	6	3	
<b>Bringing real change to the direction of the country</b>							[218]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 *.....	34	24	25	9	6	2	
June 2008+.....	21	32	26	9	11	1	
March 2008.....	26	24	20	10	17	3	
November 2007+.....	18	19	31	13	13	6	
<b>Achieving his goals</b>							[230]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	32	24	24	9	5	6	
<i>Bill Clinton</i>							
January 1993.....	22	29	34	7	5	3	
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>							[226]
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 **.....	32	23	20	8	12	5	
June 2008+.....	13	20	26	15	24	2	
March 2008+.....	19	22	28	13	16	2	
November 2007+.....	12	17	30	15	21	5	
<i>Bill Clinton</i>							
January 1993.....	20	23	39	8	8	2	

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Q.15 (cont'd)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>Sharing your positions on the issues</b>							<b>[223]</b>
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 *.....	29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+.....	21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+.....	18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+.....	13	20	28	12	21	6	
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							<b>[217/225]</b>
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009.....	26	25	23	11	14	1	
June 2008+.....	10	20	32	15	22	1	
March 2008.....	11	17	30	14	25	3	
November 2007+.....	11	18	28	17	21	5	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	19	25	25	16	14	1	
<b>Having the ability to handle a crisis</b>							<b>[224]</b>
<i>Barack Obama</i>							
January 2009 *.....	25	21	25	14	9	6	
<i>George W. Bush</i>							
January 2001.....	20	27	29	11	11	2	
<i>Bill Clinton</i>							
January 1993.....	16	23	31	11	7	12	

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16. Would you describe Barack Obama as liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) And would you say Barack Obama is very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	1/09**	7/08+	6/08+	3/08	
Very liberal.....	27	33	35	30	[233]
Somewhat liberal.....	22	23	23	25	
Moderate.....	37	29	24	24	
Somewhat conservative.....	3	5	6	5	
Very conservative.....	4	3	3	3	
Not sure.....	7	7	9	13	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).  
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17. I'm going to list areas in which some people are concerned that Barack Obama will go too far. For each one, please tell me whether this is something you are concerned about or not something you are concerned about.

When it comes to (READ ITEM), are you concerned that Barack Obama will go too far, or not?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY CONCERNED OBAMA WILL GO TOO FAR

	Concerned Obama Will Go Too Far	Not Concerned Obama Will Go Too Far	Not Sure	
Providing financial aid and loans to corporations that are facing bankruptcy **.....	52	42	6	[240]
Making the health care system large and bureaucratic *.....	49	46	5	[236]
Raising taxes *.....	49	46	5	[237]
Spending too much on the economic stimulus program.....	46	49	5	[234/239]
Pulling American troops out of Iraq too quickly *.....	41	56	3	[238]
Appointing liberal justices to the Supreme Court *.....	38	57	5	[235]
Supporting labor union programs and policies **.....	37	54	9	[243]
Promoting a liberal agenda on social issues such as gay rights and abortion **.....	36	57	7	[241]
Promoting an environmental agenda **.....	26	69	5	[242]

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On a different topic ...

18. Now I'm going to list some institutions in American society, and I'd like you to tell me how much confidence you have in each one—a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT

	Confidence					Not Sure	
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All		
<b>The military</b>							[250]
January 2009 *	42	27	22	5	2	2	
July 2007	45	22	22	6	4	1	
July 2002	54	28	14	3	1	-	
January 2002	54	31	11	2	1	1	
December 2000	36	27	25	7	3	2	
June 1998 <sup>1</sup>	33	31	25	9	1	2	
May 1996 <sup>1</sup>	30	36	25	7	-	2	
January 1996 <sup>2</sup>	32	38	22	7	-	1	
December 1991 <sup>3</sup>	47	31	15	6	NA	1	
December 1988 <sup>4</sup>	15	31	33	15	NA	7	
October 1986 <sup>4</sup>	29	34	24	10	1	2	
November 1981 <sup>4</sup>	22	28	29	14	6	2	
January 1977 <sup>4</sup>	23	34	25	11	1	6	
June 1975 <sup>4</sup>	27	31	25	11	1	5	
<b>Small business</b>							[253]
January 2009 *	28	30	30	7	3	2	
July 2007	26	28	31	9	3	3	
July 2002	30	30	31	5	2	2	
December 2000	31	28	27	8	3	3	
<b>Law enforcement agencies</b>							[257]
January 2009 **	21	30	31	11	6	1	
July 2007	26	28	31	9	6	-	
<b>The high-tech industry</b>							[260]
January 2009 **	21	30	30	8	5	6	
July 2002	19	22	38	11	5	5	
December 2000	26	28	31	9	2	4	
<b>The Supreme Court</b>							[255]
January 2009 **	16	23	36	13	8	4	
July 2007	15	21	39	17	7	1	
December 2000	27	25	32	8	5	3	
<b>The telecommunications industry</b>							[263]
January 2009 **	13	25	34	13	9	6	

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Q.18 (cont'd)

	Confidence					Not Sure	
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All		
<b>Public schools</b>							[254]
January 2009 **	17	20	34	20	8	1	
July 2007	15	17	39	20	8	1	
December 2000	14	18	36	20	11	1	
<b>Environmental organizations</b>							[259]
January 2009 **	16	20	37	15	9	3	
July 2007	12	18	42	16	8	4	
<b>Religious leaders and organizations</b>							[251]
January 2009 *	13	16	38	17	13	3	
July 2007	11	16	35	20	15	3	
July 2002	12	13	38	21	13	3	
<b>The energy industry</b>							[258]
January 2009 **	11	16	37	24	10	2	
July 2007	7	11	34	27	18	3	
<b>The pharmaceutical industry</b>							[256]
January 2009 **	11	14	33	21	18	3	
July 2007	8	9	34	27	20	2	
July 2002	10	14	40	23	11	2	
<b>The entertainment industry</b>							[262]
January 2009 **	10	14	27	18	25	6	
December 2000	8	9	31	26	23	3	
<b>Professional sports</b>							[252]
January 2009 *	9	11	29	21	20	10	
July 2007	6	8	26	28	26	6	
<b>The national news media</b>							[245]
January 2009 *	8	11	38	24	18	1	
September 2008+	7	10	38	26	18	1	
July 2007	9	9	39	24	18	1	
July 2002	9	18	37	23	12	1	
December 2000	7	13	39	25	15	1	
February 1997 <sup>5</sup>	5	15	39	40	NA	1	
January 1996 <sup>2</sup>	6	14	40	37	2	1	
December 1991 <sup>3</sup>	16	21	38	25	NA	1	

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Q.18 (cont'd)

	Confidence					Not Sure	
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All		
<b>The federal government</b>							<b>[244]</b>
January 2009 *	6	13	47	23	10	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	5	14	45	23	12	1	
July 2007	7	9	41	29	13	1	
July 2002	13	21	47	13	5	1	
December 2000	9	19	52	14	5	1	
February 1997 <sup>5</sup>	6	16	45	32	NA	1	
May 1994 <sup>4</sup>	4	16	44	35	NA	2	
May 1990 <sup>4</sup>	10	26	45	18	NA	2	
<b>Health insurance companies</b>							<b>[249]</b>
January 2009 *	6	11	31	30	21	1	
July 2007	5	5	26	37	25	2	
<b>Congress</b>							<b>[248]</b>
January 2009 *	6	10	43	27	13	1	
July 2007	5	9	40	31	13	2	
May 2005	6	12	53	23	5	1	
January 2002	13	24	44	15	3	1	
December 2000	10	16	48	18	6	2	
June 1998	10	18	48	20	2	2	
February 1997 <sup>5</sup>	7	14	46	32	NA	1	
January 1996 <sup>2</sup>	4	10	41	41	3	1	
December 1991 <sup>3</sup>	7	10	39	43	NA	1	
December 1988 <sup>4</sup>	8	20	41	26	NA	6	
October 1986 <sup>4</sup>	10	31	43	12	1	3	
November 1981 <sup>4</sup>	8	21	41	22	6	3	
January 1977 <sup>4</sup>	12	28	34	17	1	7	

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Q.18 (cont'd)

	Confidence					Not Sure	
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All		
<b>The automobile industry</b>							[261]
January 2009 **.....	6	7	34	32	19	2	
<b>Large corporations</b>							[247]
January 2009 *.....	6	7	31	35	20	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	2	9	33	33	21	2	
July 2007.....	5	6	37	30	19	3	
July 2002.....	4	8	37	32	17	2	
January 2002.....	8	14	44	23	9	2	
December 2000.....	9	17	42	22	8	2	
July 1998 .....	13	18	42	22	2	3	
January 1996 <sup>2</sup> .....	6	15	45	30	2	2	
December 1991 <sup>3</sup> .....	11	15	47	26	NA	2	
December 1988 <sup>4</sup> .....	6	16	39	32	NA	8	
October 1986 <sup>4</sup> .....	7	21	40	26	2	4	
November 1981 <sup>4</sup> .....	6	14	36	29	11	3	
January 1977 <sup>4</sup> .....	11	21	35	25	2	6	
June 1975 <sup>4</sup> .....	10	24	36	23	2	5	
<b>Wall Street</b>							[264]
January 2009 **.....	6	7	25	31	28	3	
<b>The financial industry</b>							[246]
January 2009 *.....	4	6	28	34	26	2	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	5	5	33	37	18	2	
July 2007.....	5	11	48	21	9	6	
July 2002.....	5	10	49	27	8	1	
December 2000.....	11	25	45	13	4	2	

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**Moving along ...**

19. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

All Adults					
	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	7	4	8	2	4
Fairly good.....	70	54	55	32	45
Fairly bad.....	16	28	20	41	31
Very bad.....	5	10	10	20	15
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	5	4	4
Not sure.....	2	4	2	1	1
Whites					
	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	6	3	9	1	4
Fairly good.....	73	56	58	33	45
Fairly bad.....	16	28	19	42	32
Very bad.....	4	8	7	18	13
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	5	5	5
Not sure.....	1	5	2	1	1
African Americans					
	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	7	3	3	3	5
Fairly good.....	57	37	45	28	39
Fairly bad.....	18	34	28	35	26
Very bad.....	12	24	19	30	26
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	3	3	3
Not sure.....	6	2	2	1	1
Hispanics					
	1/09	4/07	9/05		
Very good.....	13	11	8		
Fairly good.....	63	44	49		
Fairly bad.....	17	32	17		
Very bad.....	6	10	19		
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	7		
Not sure.....	1	3	-		

[265]

20a. Now that Barack Obama has been elected president, do you believe that race relations in the country will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	1/09	11/4/08+ <sup>1</sup>	
Get better.....	45	33	[266]
Get worse.....	13	19	
Stay about the same.....	39	43	
Don't know.....	3	4	
Refused.....	-	1	

<sup>1</sup> Comparative data from November 4, 2008 comes from a Public Opinion Strategies poll of registered voters.

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- 20b. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement—America is a nation where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

	All Adults		
	1/09	1/08	
Strongly agree.....	20	20	[267]
Somewhat agree.....	40	27	
Somewhat disagree.....	24	29	
Strongly disagree.....	15	22	
Not sure.....	1	2	

	Whites		
	1/09	1/08	
Strongly agree.....	20	21	[267]
Somewhat agree.....	44	30	
Somewhat disagree.....	23	31	
Strongly disagree.....	11	17	
Not sure.....	2	1	

	African Americans		
	1/09	1/08	
Strongly agree.....	14	17	[267]
Somewhat agree.....	27	12	
Somewhat disagree.....	26	21	
Strongly disagree.....	30	50	
Not sure.....	3	-	

Now turning to the economy ...

21a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 4/08+</u>	[268]
Very satisfied.....	2	2	5	10	6	31	2	
Somewhat satisfied.....	8	12	27	33	45	55	12	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	25	28	28	32	30	10	28	
Very dissatisfied.....	65	58	40	25	18	3	58	
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
		3	4	2	4	6	4	
		33	27	32	42	44	43	
		38	37	41	39	33	39	
		25	31	24	14	15	13	
		1	1	1	1	2	1	
		<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
		5	18	29	23	26	27	
		47	57	52	53	54	55	
		32	18	12	17	13	12	
		15	6	6	7	6	5	
		1	1	1	-	1	1	
	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	
	31	18	13	10	13	9	7	
	55	52	52	51	45	51	49	
	10	20	23	27	27	27	30	
	3	8	10	10	13	11	12	
	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
	43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
	32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
	18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

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21b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>4/08+</u>	[269]
Very satisfied.....	15	17	21	19	17	26	17	
Somewhat satisfied.....	41	42	46	50	44	52	42	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	22	20	17	18	21	14	20	
Very dissatisfied.....	22	21	16	13	17	7	21	
Not sure.....	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		18	16	19	21	25	21	
		40	47	50	50	51	53	
		23	24	19	17	13	14	
		19	13	12	11	10	11	
		-	-	-	1	1	1	
		<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
		22	25	26	20	19	16	
		50	51	52	51	49	50	
		18	13	14	16	17	20	
		10	10	7	12	14	13	
		-	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>				
		17	16	13				
		48	50	48				
		20	21	24				
		14	12	14				
		1	1	1				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

22. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Unemployment.....	33	36	7	5	16	24	23	41	48	41	
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	15	12	15	11	18	20	19	16	13	14	
The cost of health care.....	12	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Housing prices.....	8	8	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The drop in the stock market.....	7	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gas prices and energy costs <sup>1</sup> .....	6	5	26	40	30	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	[270-271]
Federal taxes.....	4	3	6	5	6	7	6	9	6	7	
Pension security.....	4	4	5	6	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The gap between rich and poor.....	NA	NA	24	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	NA	NA	NA	5	6	7	6	5	4	5	
All equally important (VOL).....	10	11	11	9	8	11	10	13	14	15	
None (VOL).....	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....	6	38	8	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	11	9	11	18	30	24	33	31	25	26	
Unemployment.....	25	13	35	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	
The trade deficit <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	
Federal taxes.....	8	11	NA	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	
Pension security.....	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	6	10	14	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	
All equally important (VOL).....	11	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	
None (VOL).....	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>			
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	26	31	28	28	28	28	24	22			
Unemployment.....	40	37	40	44	44	44	46	46			
The trade deficit <sup>3</sup> .....	8	6	8	7	8	8	10	8			
Federal taxes.....	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5			
Pension security.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
Inflation.....	8	8	6	4	7	7	6	7			
All equally important (VOL).....	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	8			
None (VOL).....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3			

<sup>1</sup> Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices." In September 2005, item was phrased "gas prices "

<sup>2</sup> Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

<sup>3</sup> Prior to April 2001, the item was phrased, "The U.S. trade deficit."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



23. Here are a number of events that have happened in the past several months. For each one, please tell me how much this has affected you personally--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT

	Affected				Not Sure	
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Just Some	Not At All		
<b>The slowdown in the economy</b>						<b>[273]</b>
January 2009 *.....	22	20	42	16	-	
January 2001.....	12	12	40	36	-	
<b>The decline in the stock market</b>						<b>[272]</b>
January 2009 *.....	22	16	30	31	1	
January 2001.....	16	13	29	41	1	
<b>The decrease in home values</b>						<b>[274]</b>
January 2009 *.....	14	11	27	47	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

24. When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? \*

	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	35	46	45	40	41	38	37	<b>[275]</b>
Somewhat satisfied.....	35	35	33	38	37	36	40	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	14	9	10	11	10	12	12	
Very dissatisfied.....	15	9	11	10	11	13	11	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	
		<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>		
		36	37	38	36	30		
		38	39	37	37	31		
		13	10	12	14	10		
		12	13	12	12	10		
		1	1	1	1	19		

\* Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (20% of respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

25. Which one of the following do you think best applies to the economic recession the country is in? \*

It is almost over.....	1	<b>[276]</b>
It will be over within the next six months.....	3	
It will be over between six months and one year.....	20	
It will be over between one to three years.....	57	
It will go on for more than three years.....	17	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26. Do you think that the recently proposed economic stimulus legislation is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

Good idea.....	43	<b>[277]</b>
Bad idea.....	27	
Do not have an opinion.....	24	
Not sure.....	6	

27. Which of the following concerns you more?

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money to try to boost the economy and as a result will drive up the budget deficit, OR

That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money to try to boost the economy and as a result the recession will be longer? \*\*

	1/09*	12/08	
That the federal government will spend too MUCH money.....	60	56	[278]
That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money....	33	36	
Not sure.....	7	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

28. Thinking about the economic stimulus legislation, which is a more important priority?

Tax cuts that will allow people to spend more.....	33	[279]
Government spending that will help create jobs....	63	
Not sure.....	4	

29. When it comes to the economic stimulus plan proposed by the Obama administration, which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** The economic stimulus plan is a good idea because it will help make the recession shorter, get people back to work, and provide money for transportation, education, and Medicaid programs.

**Statement B:** The economic stimulus plan is a bad idea because it will do little to shorten the recession, the jobs are temporary, and it will significantly increase the deficit.

<b>Statement A/Economic stimulus is a good idea.....</b>	57	[280]
<b>Statement B/Economic stimulus plan is a bad idea.....</b>	36	
Not sure.....	7	

30. Now I would like to read you several parts of the economic stimulus legislation that is designed to help deal with the current economic recession. For each element, please tell me whether it is a good idea or a bad idea.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD IDEA

	Good Idea	Bad Idea	Not Sure	
Creating jobs through increasing production of renewable energy and making schools and public buildings more energy efficient **.....	89	8	3	[313]
Creating jobs through building or repairing roads and bridges *.....	85	12	3	[311]
Placing the details of the legislation online so citizens can track how the money is being spent. **.....	84	13	3	[315]
Providing tax incentives to businesses that create jobs or invest in new equipment *.....	82	13	5	[309]
Providing aid to states for Medicaid and educational programs to avoid cuts to these programs *.....	76	19	5	[310]
Providing five-hundred-dollar tax cuts to workers and up to one thousand dollars for households making less than two hundred thousand dollars.....	67	27	6	[308/312]
Expanding government-assisted health insurance coverage and unemployment benefits **.....	65	28	7	[314]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. There has been a lot of talk recently about the budget deficit. In thinking about the budget deficit, which comes closer to your point of view. Do you think of the budget deficit as being

A real and important number that has a direct effect on the average citizen, OR

More of a bookkeeping and governmental number that does not have a direct effect on the average citizen? \*

Real and important.....	61	[316]
More of a bookkeeping and governmental number.....	32	
Not sure.....	7	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

### Getting near the end of the survey...

- 32a. Who do you think is more responsible for the outbreak of violence in the Middle East--the Israelis or the Palestinians?

	<u>1/09*</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>	
Israelis more responsible.....	18	13	13	14	[317]
Palestinians more responsible.....	46	44	47	39	
Both equally (VOL).....	13	29	23	29	
Neither (VOL).....	2	1	1	1	
Not sure.....	21	13	16	17	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 32b/c. Do you think that the United States has been too one-sided in dealing with Israel and the Palestinians, or do you think that the United States has been even-handed? (IF "TOO ONE-SIDED," ASK:) And do you think that the United States has favored Israel over the Palestinians OR favored the Palestinians over Israel?

	<u>1/09**</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
<b>Too One-Sided</b> .....	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	[318-319]
Favored Israel over the Palestinians.....	30	NA	
Favored the Palestinians over Israel.....	3	NA	
Not sure.....	4	NA	
<b>Even-Handed</b> .....	<b>43</b>	<b>51</b>	
Neither (VOL).....	4	NA	
Not sure.....	16	13	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**FACTUALS:** Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	90	[320]
Not registered.....	8	
Not sure.....	2	

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>		
Voted for Barack Obama.....	43	[321-322]
Voted for John McCain.....	33	
Voted for someone else.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	6	
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b>		
Not sure.....	14	
	1	

F2. Are you currently employed? **(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:)** What type of work do you do?

**(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	21	[323]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	16	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	25	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	7	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[331-332]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	25	
Some college, no degree.....	16	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

- F4a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	26	<b>Skip to Q.F5</b>	<b>[333]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	7		
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9		
Strictly independent.....	20	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8		
Not very strong Republican.....	6		
Strong Republican.....	15		
Other (VOL).....	5		
Not sure.....	4		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, REPUBLICAN, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F4a.)**

- F4b. In thinking about the economic stimulus legislation, which of these statements comes closer to your point of view about what the Republicans in Congress should do over the course of the next several months:

**Statement A:** Republicans in Congress should do everything to stand firm for their party's economic positions and oppose legislation proposed by the Obama administration even if it means there may be stalemate on some elements of the legislation.

**Statement B:** Republicans in Congress should look to compromise with the Obama administration to ensure that legislation is passed and to avoid stalemate even if it means compromising on some of their party's economic positions.

<b>Statement A:</b> Should stand firm.....	20	<b>[334]</b>
<b>Statement B:</b> Should compromise....	68	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	7	

- F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	9	<b>[335]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	14	
Moderate.....	37	
Somewhat conservative.....	19	
Very conservative.....	16	
Not sure.....	5	

- F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	52	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[336]</b>
Catholic .....	21		
Jewish .....	2	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>	
Muslim .....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints .....	2	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Other.....	5		
None.....	12		
Not sure/refused .....	6		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)**

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical .....	20	[337]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical .....	44	
Not sure .....	11	
Catholics/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a).....	25	

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	19	[338]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	8	
Once a week or more often.....	37	
Not sure.....	6	

F8. Are you a current or retired labor union member? (IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	14	[339-340]
Union household.....	8	
Non-union household.....	75	
Not sure.....	3	

F9. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[341]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	6	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	8	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	21	